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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

The purpose of this letter is to urge continued support of competition in the broadband space. In the small town where I live, for many years there was one choice of broadband supplier. That company raised prices each year until it was unmanageable. I dropped them as soon as a competitor came to my town.

That competitor has improved services with each year I have been a customer, WITHOUT INCREASING PRICE! More providers in our area are growing and offering services, which is good for everyone. My community is an interesting mix of long-time residents, now retiring on fixed incomes, and a great deal of development with new homes and new residents coming in, all with broadband needs. We are trying to attract more businesses because we have the land and space for these to thrive. But that won't happen without competition that improves service and retains prices.

As I move into the "fixed income" category of people, I am concerned to be faced with increasing costs again, along with decreased services. This limits our country, limits our growth, and limits our youth to compete in the world. STOP these limitations! Allow competition to thrive!

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